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Dougherty House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1835-1840, c. 1867

Historically known as the Dougherty house, this two-story ell-shaped dwelling has marked the northwest corner of Prince William and Church streets for over one-hundred and fifty years. The Prince William Street elevation offers an interesting contrast between antebellum and postbellum architectural styles common to Somerset County. The western half of the front block is thought to have been erected around 1835 under the ownership of John H. King, a prominent Princess Anne merchant, who purchased "Lot 18" in January of that year for \$895. The two-story, three-bay frame house followed the well-used vernacular side hall/parlor plan, which was trimmed with late Federal style woodwork. Providing cooking services in a traditional manner was a two-story frame kitchen attached to the front block by a single-story hyphen. Although the kitchen of the Dougherty house has been thought by some to date to the eighteenth century, architectural features and tax records indicate it was erected at the same time. The house evidently maintained this traditional stepped shape until the Civil War. In 1867, the house and lot were transferred to Zadoc Dougherty, in the wake of a court settlement of William J. Byrd, who had purchased the house from Charlotte King.

During Zadoc Dougherty's ownership of the house, which stretched from 1867 to 1910, he financed the several changes to the house. Most notable was the bracketed addition to the east gable end of the old King house. In an attempt to keep in step with prevailing Civil War era tastes, the extension was trimmed with gable brackets and fitted inside with bold mid nineteenth-century trim. Also during Dougherty ownership of the house, the hyphen was given a second floor, and a two-story section was added on the rear inside corner.

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From Zadoc Dougherty, the house and lot passed by deed to Adelia Dougherty in 1910, and Adelia willed the property to her daughter, Ellen M. Dashiell in 1923, who in turn, transferred title in 1928 to Cassius M. Dashiell. The executors of Cassius M. Dashiell sold the Prince William Street house to Charles Edwin Hayman in 1936, and the corner house and lot remained in the Hayman family until 1969.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Somerset TOWN Princess Anne VICINITY STREET NO. Corner Church and Prince William Streets ORIGINAL OWNER Mr. Dougherty ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Estate of Charles Hayman PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME <i>Dougherty House</i> DATE OR PERIOD c.1760-1780 with a large STYLE Simple Frame Colonial 1850 front ARCHITECT /with Victorian addition BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO			
<p>This house, all of frame, is a composite structure. That which now appears to be the main house is a c. 1850 Victorian house 3 bays wide with a heavy bracketed cornice. To the rear of this, however, are two 2 1/2 storey wings which date from the mid 18th C. The back of each addition has an end chimney enclosed within the structure. The clapboards on these sections of the house are wide and uneven and the windows are 6/6 with old glass. The present occupants say that tradition dates these two wings back to the 18th C. and the evidence supports this. The main house to which they were once attached is now either destroyed or so altered by the Victorian structure as to be unrecognizable.</p> <p>The house is very well-kept up and has a lovely garden with two huge magnolia trees reputed to be 150 years old.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior very good			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman	
		DATE OF RECORD August 1, 1967	



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